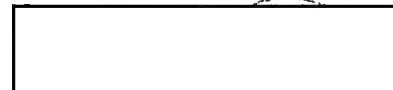


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

29 December 1959

SUBJECT: Meeting of General Cabell with General LeMay  
on 28 December 1959

1. The above meeting was arranged to discuss the Air Force proposal that a SAC U-2 unit be established on Okinawa to support overflights of mainland China and, perhaps eventually, of Siberia [redacted] General Montgomery and Mr. Bissell were present in addition to General Cabell and General LeMay.

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2. General LeMay explained that the Air Force's reason for advancing this proposal was simply to get the greatest possible use out of the U-2 for the highest priority targets to which access could be obtained before the U-2 becomes obsolete. General Cabell said that he believed the proposed operation would be unwise at least for the present. He stated:

a. That until coverage had been obtained of top priority targets in the USSR, exposure of the U-2 under circumstances which could result in advance publicity or diplomatic action should be held to a minimum.

b. That he felt that such U-2 missions as might be authorized over denied areas could be flown with a slightly

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c. That we had reason to believe that permission might be obtained [redacted] CHALICE) in the course of the next six or eight months for perhaps two or three additional missions against the USSR, provided nothing occurred to make the political climate less favorable.

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3. After discussion General LeMay indicated that he would accept General Cabell's view. It was agreed that the best way to maintain



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